

Rathfeigh NS

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“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” – Edith Sitwell.

Despite the clocks having gone back and Winter upon us we look forward to a very busy term in the school. It's an exciting time for the children as the anticipation for Christmas ramps up week on week as we approach the arrival of Santa on Christmas Day. We wish all the children and their families a happy and healthy end to 2025.

Admissions for 2026/27

We started accepting applications on October 1st 2025 for admission to Junior Infants for the 2026/27 school year. Applications will close on January 16th 2026. The school's Annual Admission Notice is on the school website. If you have a child of school-going age please download the Enrolment Form from the school website. We will also need a copy of your child's Birth Certificate. If you would like to visit the school with your child please e-mail the school rathfeighns@outlook.com or call Jennifer in the office (041) 9825156 for an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sensory Room/Interactive Multi-Sensory Room

Since the creation of our Sensory Room (The Hideaway) and our Interactive Multi-Sensory Room a number of years ago we have really seen the benefits that these spaces have had on the children. They help the children by improving emotional regulation, social and communication skills, and sensory processing and integration. They also help with motor skill development, focus and concentration, and stress reduction by providing a safe, controlled environment for exploration and self-soothing. We thank Meta for the 20K Grant we received two years ago which enabled us to have these great facilities in our school. If you would like to visit our school to see these great facilities please e-mail the school to make an appointment.

Gaelic Football

The 11-a-side Cumann na mBunscol competitions have finished for another year. Well done to both our Girls' and Boys' teams for playing with great determination and sportsmanship over the duration of the competition. Our Girls' team lost out narrowly on reaching the final with a semi-final defeat to Heronstown. We thank Ms. Kennedy, Ms O Donoghue, Cathy and Feilim for all their work training and supervising the teams this year.

Thanks, also, to Dermot in Skryne GAA for booking the pitches for us over the course of the season. I also want to thank Dermot and Skryne GAA for contacting me in relation to supplying Rathfeigh NS with footballs, cones etc. In my time as Principal in Rathfeigh, Skryne GAA has always been very supportive of us in our promotion of Gaelic Football amongst the boys and girls in the school. Their continued support is really appreciated.

Halloween Fancy Dress

The Halloween Fancy Dress is always a memorable occasion in the school and this year was no different. The pupils came to school in a wide range of costumes and it was great to see

all the children participate in the pumpkin competition also. The imagination and creativity that the children put into the pumpkins never ceases to amaze. The following pupils won prizes in each class – Anna, Aoibhin B, Leon, Emily, Ellie, Tadhg N, Michael, Adam, Tom L, Grace, Bonnie, Beatrice, James O' R, Annalise, Eilin, Camron, Elliott, Tomas, Tiernan, Patrick, Niall, Aoibhinn L, Harry, Rosie.

The following three pupils were the overall winners – Ada, Ella and Darci and were the recipients of book vouchers as prizes.

Book Fair

“I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library” (Jorge Luis Borges)

Our annual Book Fair arrives on Monday November 10th and will be in the school for a week. The Book Fair generates more excitement amongst the majority of children than all other events over the school year. Book fairs are a great way to encourage pupils to take ownership of their reading choices. Studies have shown that children are far more likely to read a book and finish a book that they have chosen and purchased themselves. Over the course of the Book Fair week the children and their parents/guardians will have the chance to browse through a great array of books and hopefully purchase one or two. We will have plenty of activities during the course of the week with book vouchers as prizes. We thank Mrs Campbell who will be co-ordinating the Book Fair.

Mindfulness Classes

The children in 3rd-6th class are half way through their six week course of Mindfulness lessons and they all seem to be benefiting from the lessons. I will be getting detailed feedback from the children after Halloween. We would also like to get feedback from parents/guardians so please e-mail the school with the feedback you get from your child/children.

Ashbourne Community Gardai

On November 11th we will be visited by the Ashbourne Community Garda who will give a 40 minute talk to the pupils in all classes. The children in Junior Infants to 2nd class will get the opportunity to dress up in a Garda uniform as well as learning about the role of a Garda. The children in 3rd-4th class will get information on Internet Safety while the children in 5th-6th class will get a talk on the Consequences of Bad Behaviour.

Tin Whistle

The children in 1st-6th class will be learning the tin whistle after Halloween. The cost of the tin whistle books will be

covered by the proceeds from last year's Jumble Sale. The tin whistle costs £6 which can be paid via the Aladdin link. We look forward to the children in these classes being able to play a few tunes by Christmas!

First Aid Course

As part of the drafting of our First Aid/Administration of Medicines Policy all staff will be getting First Aid Training on Monday November 10th from 1.40pm to 3.40pm. The school will close for all pupils at 1.40pm on that day.

Friendship Week/Anti-Bullying Week

During November we will have a Friendship/Anti-Bullying Week with the aim of getting to know each other, creating a positive school climate and embedding anti-bullying strategies early in the year. The children will learn about relating to others in positive ways through discussion, stories, music, art and games. In September the Board of Management ratified the school's new Bi Cinealta Policy which has been uploaded to the school's website.

Swimming Lessons

The final swimming session for the pupils in 3rd-6th class takes place on Friday 7th November.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings take place on the 27th and 28th of November.

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